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Pavement of that most Glorious City; And after all the Acquisitions of this World, what is a Man Profited if he lose his own Soul?

Let such as are yet Strangers to Christ, Repent of all their Sins, committed in *Scotland*, or since their Arrival in their new Dwellings, and consider with Astonishment, with Gratitude, with relenting Sorrow and Shame, how many hundred of Leagues they have been carried safe, through the Vast Abyss, when there was but the thickness of a Plank betwixt them and Death, and consequently between them and Hell; How near they have bordered upon the confines of Eternity; and how dreadful it will be at last, if the Waves and Billows of Divine Wrath shall go over their Souls forever. This is the Doom that every Sinner must undergo by himself, if it be not taken off by his Surety; and such as fly not to the Gospel-Sanctuary, and Refuge, their Sin will surely find them out, wherever they go.

We do most earnestly Intreat and Obtest You, the Honourable and Worthy Persons, in whose Hands the Government is Lodged, That ye not only be shining Patterns your Selves, in all Sobriety, Holiness and Vertue; But that, with the outmost Diligence, and vigilant Care, you procure, that the Deportment and Behaviour, of all under your Authority and Influence, be such as becometh the Gospel; by Commanding every one to do their Duty, by enacting strict and wholesome Laws, and Executing those Laws impartially, and speedily; That no Wickedness be Countenanced, or in the least connived at; For why should you bring Wrath upon your selves, and the Land, and provock the Holy God to blast all your Undertakings? And why should you Forfeit His Blessing and Favour, promised to Righteous Rulers, and make your Selves Partakers of other Mens Sins? For whatever is committed thro' your Forbearance, and Remissness in Government, is justly Chargable on you: Every Man is Guilty of that Sin which he Reproves not, which he does not Testifie against, which he can, but neglects to hinder in another; But most of all, such as are Rulers of others, and must give an Account of them to God, as well as of themselves. *Thou shalt not hate thy Brother in thy Heart, thou shalt in any ways rebuke thy Neighbour, and not suffer Sin upon him*: And in the Margin it reads, *That thou bear not Sin for him*: This is a Law given unto all; But the peculiar End of Magistracy is, to be a Terror unto Evil doers, and for the Praise of them that do Well; To set their Eyes of Favour upon the Faithful of the Land; and to cut off all Wicked-doers from the City of the Lord. Lev.19.17.

There is yet a special Obligation upon you, in the Planting and Erecting of a New Colony, to take Care, that Religion and Vertue be planted and thrive in it. Owe you not this Return to God, who hath brought you thither, and who preserves and prospers you? Owe you it not to your Selves, least you Forfeit His merciful Kindness, and turn it to bitter Displeasure? Owe you it not to the Nation you are come from, to the Gospel you have Received, and Profest, and to the People you are come among: that thou

receive not Scandal, and ground of Offence against Christianity, from the ungodly Lives of Professed Christians? Have you not Advantages, beyond the Government of your Native Land, or any other of a long continuance where there are so many Corruptions, and rooted Habits of Vice, among the people to be eradicated? Your Common-Wealth is in its Infancy, you have in your Hand the first Forming of it: your People yet but few, in Comparison, and their Hearts, we trust, yet tender, under the sense of Divine Goodness, as well as the Apprehension of yet impendent Dangers; and so more easily formed into Obedience and Vertue. Are ye not all perswaded, that, as Prov. 14 34. *Righteousness exalteth a Nation, and Sin is the Reproach of any People*; So it must be verified in a very special and eminent manner upon you, That there is a Just and Righteous God, who will call every one to a Reckoning, both for their Personal and for their Stational Actions? Are you not Convinced that Sobriety, Temperance, Diligence, and all other Moral and Christian Vertues are truly your Temporal, as well as your Etern l Interest; that your Worldly Affairs cannot thrive without these; That these are true reason of State, by their propitious Influence on Society; and true point of Honour, preventing the Baseness and Infamies of Vice, and rendering the Righteous Man more Excellent than his Neighbour, solidy Brave, Generous, and Great? Have you not before your Eyes, Fatal Examples of the sad Effects of Immorality, and Debauchedness in other *Colonies*, some of which, instead of Propagating the Gospel, are become Nurseries of Scandal to *Infidels*; and have drawn down many formidable Judgements on themselves? Hath not the Dissolution of Manners weakned, enervated and broken some of your Neighbours and rendered them an easie Prey to their Enemies, and the Objects of Divine Vengeance, for their Corruptions, and their Cruelties.

We beseech you, for the Lords Sake, for your own Souls sake, and for the sake of your Country, and of your Posterity, for all that is, and ought to be Sacred, and Dear to Christians, or to Men, that you withstand, and prevent the Corrupting of *your Infant Colony*, that you Oppose and Stop the first Appearances or Occasions of Vice amongst you People; and keep them close to the strict Rules of Christian Morality, and a Gospel-adorning Conversation.

Can any think, but the Divine Majesty will resent, and Avenge the Hellish Unnatural, and Uncreaturely Prophanation of His Dreadful and Holy Name, (a Sin void of Tentation, and full of Horrour) or that ever the *Heathen*, will be induced to Adore that God, whom His own Worshipers Trample upon, and Contemn by prophane Swearing? And, whereas Oaths, amongst all Nations, are, and ought to be, esteemed most Sacred and Binding; What Veneration, or Credite, will they give to the Oaths of those, who Prostitute them, tho' it were but in trivial Occurrences of Law, [a sad abuse of Judicatories, in many Countries, which we wish you to avoid] much less, when they are made the miserable Blemishes, and Stains, of Common Discourse.

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hopeful Commerces, and manly Conversation, and prove an inlet to all Mischief: A temperate People are Bold and Adventuring, Wise and Curagious, and attended with many temporal Blessings of an outward prosperous and flourishing Condition; while Drunkenness besots, dispirits, befools, and wasts a Nation. Let this Vice be curbed among you in its first beginning: And that vile and wretched Custom detested, that hath unhappily obtained here, of doing all Business over a tippling Bottle.

Let all Uncleanness be abhorred: Pollute not *the Temples of the Holy Ghost*, which your Bodies are, Consecrated to him in Christian Baptism; but let every one *possess his Vessel in Sanctification and Honour*; lest the Place of your Settlement be defiled, and the Land Spue you out, as *Canaan* did its Inhabitants. And let Interest oblige you to extraordinary Caution, and Watchfulness over the People, with respect to the *Natives*, in this matter; least their Resentment prove a Mean of your Ruine, and if they should be provocked to avenge Indignities done them, and Injuries of this kind, your fall could not but prove Disgraceful and Unpitied.

1 Cor. 6. 19

1 Thes. 4. 4

Let your Laws strike severely against Idleness, and want of Imployment, the Parent of much Mischief and Beggary. Idle People are not only Useless, but Burdensom in a Common wealth, Sowers of Sedition, Discontented, and seldom better exercised, then to find out base and dishonest Wayes, whereby they may be maintain'd, in pampering of sloathful Lusts. Let Industry be reputed Honourable, and Diligence in Imployment a Character of Vertue, worthy of the highest Respect; Let not the foolish Notion, ever get Footing with you, which hath been one great Cause of the Poverty of Our Nation at Home, and our Reproach among the Rich, and Trading Nations Abroad, That it is below a Gentleman to follow Trade and Imployment.

Let not only all Falshood in Words and Actions, be severely punished, as what is inconsistent with Humane Society, and Enervats and Destroys Trade, (Faith and uprightness in Dealing being the Life and Soul of Commerce, and the best Foundation of Success, *For he that walketh uprightly walketh surely*) But likewise Discourage and Disgrace Self-seeking, and Narrowness, to the prejudice of the Publick: Let not every one seek his own things, to the Detriment of his Neighbour, but every one the good of others, and common Benefite, for in the Interest of the Publick, and Prosperity of the Common-wealth, that of each particular Person consists, and is best secured. Especially this is to be look'd to, in the beginning of a Settlement, and Infancy of a Government, where Publick-Spiritedness and Self-denial, as they are Gospel-preceepts, so, will be found best Principles of Policy; whereas Self-seeking hath ever been the Bane and Ruine of many promising Undertakings.

Prov. 10. 9

We cannot forget to Recommend to you Brotherly Love and Concord, and that you Live in peace and Unity among your selves; a thing no less Profitable to you, than Pleasant to the God of Peace, and suitable to the Christian Name; This is our Lords new Commandment, left by Him in Legacy to

John 13. 34. 35. all His Followers, that they *Love one another*; By this even the Heathen Nations shall know that you are the Disciples of the Prince of Peace. We need not tell you, what is the Common remark, on those of our Nation, that, however Hasty, Impatient and Warm, they may be in their Debates, while at Home; yet they are Noted as Exemplary to others, in an Affectionat Concern in Sympathy with, and close Adherence to one another, when Abroad. We heartily Wish, this may be Verified of you, now when you are far removed, from your Native Land, and plac'd amidst envious Neighbours, who are waiting for your Halting, and would make it their Work, to improve to your Hurt, any Difference that might arise among you.

Let Righteous Judgement be Executed betwixt Man and Man; for the Judgment is the Lords. Let it be done Impartially, without vexatious Quibbles or dilatory Forms, and Dispensed either *Gratis*, or upon a publick Salary; so as no Magistrate may Gain by Fines to his own Imployment, a Practice most hurtful in your Native Land; whereby the Covetous are Tempted to Squeeze and Oppress, and those of a more honest and free Disposition, to become over Slack, least they should appear gripping for their own Interest. And in general, whatever *Scripture* or *sound Reason*, hath discovered to you to be Wrong or of ill Consequence, in the Customs you have seen at Home, or elsewhere, and in the Errors of other Plantations, let these things be carefully Avoided in your new Government.

The Eyes of God, of Angels and of Men are upon you; The World begins to take notice of you, as a most hopeful *Colony*, to the Envy of your Enemies, and the Joy of your own Country and Freinds. Remember, as you are People of great Expectation, and of great Advantages; So your Honour and Renown, your Temporal, as well as your Spiritual and Eternal Gain shall be great, if you improve your Talent, and Manage the Price put in your hands, wisely and well: but if otherwise, your Reckoning must be sore and heavy, and your End Inglorious.

We again repeat our most earnest Intreaties unto you, our Dear and honoured Freinds, that you be very exact, vigilant, and conscientious in Modeling your new *Colony* to all vertue, and Godliness, especially in the first beginning, which is of vast importance in all great Undertakings. And a due care of which, will render all after proceedings, easie, pleasant, and successful. That you bend your outmost endeavours, both by Example and Law, to make Righteousness, Sobriety, and Godliness appear in the Eyes of others, as they are in themselves, Amiable and Honourable. And all Vice and Impiety, detestable and infamous. So as a vitious person may look like a Monster, and Object of Horrour amongst you; and thus, Religion and Vertue will Incorporate into your very Customs and Constitutions, and your Laws and Persons will be venerable, without the grievous necessity of being severe; and God will Bless you, and delight to dwell among you; and your land *shall be called Hephzi-bah*, and the name of your place *Jehovah-shamah*

shammah, the Land is there. But if any will do wickedly, if Men will be foolish and froward, your duty to God, and Mercy to the Community, calls for speedy and Exemplary Justice, that you may put the evil away from among you, and others may hear and fear. Ezek.

As we recommend unto you, a just and Christian regard to all Gospel Ordinances; So in particular, a Religious Observance and Sanctification of of the Lord's Day, the neglect of which, will ly heavy on Governours the, command being peculiarly giv'n to them, as Persons that must Answer for their Children and Servants, and for the Stranger that is within their Gates, jaswel as for Themselves: If the Sabbath of the Lord be Prophan'd, He will cause your Land *to Enjoy its Sabbaths*, by Desolation. But if you Sanctifie the Holy Day of Rest unto the Lord, He will procure and Maintain Rest for you in your Land. Lev. 26. 43.

And as we are hopeful of your Just and Faithful Dealings, with all Men whom you may have Occasion to Negotiate, and Trade with; So we Recommend, not only Equity and Justice, but also, Obligeing Kindness towards the *Natives*; That your People may not only have their Conversation Honest, among the *Gentiles*, but Winning and Engageing, by Beneficence; That they, beholding and enjoying the Benefite of your Good works, may glorifie God in the Day of your Visitation. If you partake of their Temporal Things, are you not bound to Minister unto them of your Spiritual Things? Verily, their Debtors you are; And not only is it the Interest of your Trade, and your safety, to keep good measures with them; but 'tis your positive duty, for which the Lord seems in a peculiar manner to have designed *your Plantation*, as its most glorious End; To propogate the Light of his Gospel amongst them, and that Heavenly Wisdom, which is more precious than all Riches, and whose Merchandice is better than the Gold of *Ophir* or *Darien*: 'Tis by their consent, that God confirms your Right, therefore cherish them as your Brethren, of the same Blood, and Kindred in *Adam*. And endeavour, that you may them have also your Brethren in *Christ*; not only, let no Stumbling block or occasion of Offence, be laid before them, but all due Encouragement giv'n them, to Embrace the Everlasting Gospel. Let them see what Veneration, and Regard you pay to your Ministers, as the Servants of the most High God, who must Labour amongst them; and to the Ordinances of Jesus Christ, as the Common Means of your and their Salvation.

It will be needful you study their Genius Well: For some of these Nations are Naturally more Sincere, and Simple; Others more Subtile, and Treacherous; But, generally, all of them, especially in the beginning, Suspicious and Jealous, Credulous, and Apt to take ill impressions, and not easy to quit them; Also most Revengeful and Cruel, where they can be Masters, upon the Apprehension of the least Injury done them, to which they have got too many Irritations, by other *Europeans*, who have come among them.

Therefore, there's need, you be, in the midst of them, Wise as Serpents, and Harmless as Doves; You are alwayes to be very Watchful, and upon your Guard, that you may prevent Surprisals, and be able to defend your selves, if they should take up any prejudice, and irritation groundlesly, against you: Be very concerned to see that none of yours injure, or Disoblige them in the least, without due and speedy punishment, and that more severely inflicted, than for these Injuries done by any of you against another of your Selves. And beside the punishment you may find just and necessar to Inflict, be sure any Dammage they sustain be repay'd, tho' it should be done by the Publick, when the offending party is not able. By any means, by continual converse, endeavour to Civilize them, and cultivat any Principles of Natural Understanding, and Reason, they have which will indeed require great Prudence, and Dexterity in the Management: And when they see Piety, Sincerity and Equity flourishing among you, it will be the most effectual, and endearing tye to knit them to your Interest.

Be careful in doing Justice betwixt Masters and Servants: Let their Service be a reasonable Service, and time allow'd them for their publick and privat Worshipping of God, for they are your Brethren: And when their time expires, let them meet with such encouragement, as may alwayes engage them to continue, and settle among you: whereby, from time to time, you will be strengthened, and increased, and others encouraged to come unto you.

If you shall have Servants for Life, or Slaves of other Nations; (for the *Natives* of *Darien*, we consider as your Confederats and *Allies*) as we wish you to be Tender, both of their Souls and Bodies, and to encourage their Conversion to *Christianity*, by all proper means; So we do not urge that their absolute Liberty, and Freedom from their Service, should, as in some other places, be made the immediat reward of their professing to receive the Gospel: For this hath tempted Masters to with-hold them from the means of their Conversion, lest they should be indammaged by the loss of their Service, and hath occasion'd the Slaves to make Counterfit Professions, to gain their Liberty. But we recommend a Gentle-rule, a Mild Treatment, and that full Access and Time be allow'd for their Christian Instruction: and let such Rules be agreed on, as that there at least of them, who shall not only profess the *Christian Religion*, but have such a Golpel Adorning Conversation, as may recommend them to the Consciences of the Godly, as Christians indeed, may have their full freedom by such Terms, as may be Safe and Advantagious, both to their Masters and them. Immortal Souls are of great value, and the Blessings of these, who are ready to Perish are not to be despised.

We shall in the next place particularly Address our selves to you, that are in Military Charge, and have command over the Souldiery, whether by Land or Sea: It's on you, *Honoured and Worthy Gentle-men*, that a great Share of the Publick Safety lyes; you are, in some respect, the eyes and hands of this

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Infant *Colony*; Many of you have been lately engaged in a juſt and Glorious War, for Retriving, and defending the *Proteſtant Religion*, the Liberties, and Rights of your Countrey, under the Conduct of a *Matchleſs Prince*. And now, when through the Bleſſing of the Lord of *Hoſts*, His and Your Arms have procured an Honoured Peace at Home; You, and others with you, have, with much Bravery, embarked your ſelves in a Great, Generous, and Juſt Undertaking, in the remote parts of the Earth, for advanceing the Honour and Intereſt of your Native Country. If in this you acquit your ſelves like Men and *Chriſtians*; Your Fame will be Renown'd both Abroad and at Home. We cannot foreſee what Oppoſition you may meet with from the Malice of Men, who env the Proſperity of others, and ſeek to enhance to themſelves that part of the World, whether you are going, which may juſtly oblige you anew to the tryal of your Arms: And in that caſe, you are called to uſe your Valour, and Courage, but not to lean unto it, nor truſt in the Arm of Flesh. Seek to have *the Lord going before you, and the God of* Iſrael *to be your reward*. Isa. 52. 12. And remember what is given in charge to the Armies of *Iſrael, when the Hoſt goeth forth againſt thine Enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing*, leſt the Lord, ſeing Wickedneſs, and Profanity in your Camp, be provok'd to turn away from you. How reproachful would it prove to the Profeſſion of *Chriſtianity*, if, by the lewd practice of any among you, the *Pagan*-Nations ſhould have ground to apprehend, that you entertain that helliſh and falſe Maxim of the Atheiſtical Debauchees of this Age, which even the refin'd *Heathen* abhor, that 'tis a point of Gallantry, and a neceſſar qualification in a Souldier, to caſt off all thoughts of God, of his own Soul, of Heaven, and Hell; As if theſe, who are converſant in the Jaws of Death, were leſs concerned, than others, to mind their future State; or that Wicked, and Profligate Men, could adventure to encounter with Death, which to them is a King of Terrors, with that boldneſs and fixed Reſolution, in lawful and allowable War, that is to be found with the Upright Man, who can encourage himſelf with the thoughts of this, that his Latter end will be peace? Do not *Pagan*, as well as *Chriſtian*, Hiſtories, furniſh ſufficient inſtances of the Nobleſt *Heroe's*, and braveſt Commanders, who were themſelves Paterns of Vertue, and a Terror to the Vitious, and Prophane? And, ſure, the moſt eminent of Saints, Recorded in the Holy Scriptures, have been moſt Couragious Warriours, and the beſt of Souldiers. Let us therefore earneſtly entreat, and obteſt you, who are Commanders and Officers, to go before your Souldiers, in all manner of Holy Converſation. The Characters you bear, by the ſtations you are placed in, the Reſpect you awe to the Honour, Credite, and Welfare of your Native-Country, and that New Part of it, the *Colony* you are now going to, your own Temporal, as well as Spiritual intereſt, and the Happineſs of theſe under your Charge, do all call aloud on you, to uſe your outmoſt endeavours, for Curbing, by Exemplary Punishment, and marks of Diſgrace, in any of your Souldiers, who Deut. 23. 9. 14.

may be guilty of the sin, the horrid Wickedness of Prophane Swearing, Uncleanness, Drunkenness, Prophaning the Lord's Day, Neglect of Gospel Ordinances, Falsehood, Treachery, Oppression, and Idleness the Mother of all Wickedness, and other Enormities; the suppressing of all which we have already Recommended to the *Honourable Council* of the *Colony*: Nor shall we need to enforce this on you, so far as your stations call for it, with any other Arguments, then what we have offered to them, which we entreat you seriously to mind. And, for the Encouragement of all under your command to carry as becometh Christian-Souldiers, in the way of Well doing: them due allowance be punctually given them, Preferment, and Reward, impartially, and readily bestowed on the best deserving of them: That Wickedness being Disgraced, and Banished, Piety encouraged and flourishing in your Camp: you may have confidence toward God, that the Lord will be your protection, and will delight to go forth in the midst of you.

Though much of what we have written be Addressed principally, to the Governours and Magistrates of the *Plantation*, and others bearing Office among you, yet it doth likewayes concern every one of you, *Our Beloved Friends and Dear Country-men*, for whom we desire our Souls, and Prayer to God is, that you may be saved, that God may Countenance, and Bless your Undertakings, and crown them with success, that his Almighty Power may be a Wall of Fire about you, But, above all that his Gracious presence, in his Ordinances, may be the Glory in the midst of you, and that your Souls may prosper, until you be transplanted into the better Mansions above, that Kingdom which is beyond the injuries of Envious Enemies, a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, and whence you shall go forth no more.

We have found it necessary, from a sense of our Duty before God, and our tender regard, both to your Souls, and your outward Welfare, to lay before your Governours the indispensible Obligations of their Station, as Christian Magistrates, to set up, and maintain a Holy Righteous Government over you and to suppress, and punish all Vice, with the greatest, and most impartial severity. And this is absolutely requisite to the very Civil Subsistence of your *Colony*, for we hope it will not be grievous to any of you, and that there is not one Soul so degenerous, and dissolute in your Society, as, but to wish for a connivance to any immoral or prophane practice. And, if there be such a Person is a Burden and Plague to the Rest, that deserves to be put off lest the Body be infected, and the heavy Judgements of God be pull'd down on the Community. We are therefore confident, that you will Obey, not only for Fear, but, for Conscience Sakes and for our own interest. That you will pay all Submission and dutiful deference to your Rulers. That you will, with Patience and contentment bear the Toil and Fatigues of your first Settlement, not Murmuring, for what Uneasiness may as yet be in your Circumstances, but waiting upon the Lord, in an Humble, and diligent

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Application to your present Work, till he in his infinite Mercy, give you a confirmed Rest in the Lord. For, tho' you do not find such Fruits attending your present Labours, as may Answer all the Expectations you had, yet Patience, Diligence and Industry, will overcome your first Difficulties, and thro' the Blessing of God, you shall find the Promise made out to you, That *the Hand of the Diligent maketh Rich.*

And We Obtest You, by the Mercies of God, in Jesus Christ our Saviour, that in your several Stations, you Walk worthy of the Lord, unto all Well-pleasing; that you give no Offence to the *Gentiles*, but be exceeding Wary and Tender of whatever may Scar them from *Christianity*, or doing any thing unbecoming the Church, and Members of Christ; *That you be Blameless and Harmless, the Sons of God, without Rebuke*, shining as Lights in the World; That you be Diligent and Faithful Sober and Loving, among your selves; and Obsequious to them that are over you, whether in Matters Religious or Civil; And that you be every one Exemplary, Encouraging, and Edifying to one another, in Godliness, and in whatever Tends to Common-good,

Finally, Bretheren, whatsoever things are True, whatsoever things are Honest, whatsoever things are Just, whatsoever things are Pure, whatsoever things are Lovely, whatsoever things are of good Report, if there be any Vertue, and if there be any Praise, think on these Things.

And, particularly, We Recommend unto You, Frequency and Fervency in Prayer, both apart, and in Christian-Societies, or Fellowships together. *'Tis God most High, who performeth all things for You*, on whom you must Depend, for all your Mercies, and all your Hopes: And therefore, *from the uttermost Ends of the Earth, lift up your Cry unto Him*, who is the Hearer of Prayer, and you shall not seek his Face in Vain.

That we be not further Tedious to you, hoping, our dear Bretheren, the Ministers we have sent to Labour among you, in the Work of the Lord, shall be Furnished by their Great Master, so as to afford you, from his Holy Word, such Instructions and Directions, from time to time, as your Case shall require, to whom we intreat you to Hearken, that you may be mutually Encouraging to one another in the Lord your God: We only Repeat these Memorable Words, which we wish may be indelibly Engraven on your Hearts, *The Lord is with You, while You are with him; and if you seek Him, he will be found of you: But if you forsake Him, He will forsake you:* and all your foreward Expectations, and Blooming hopes shall be Blasted and Wither, and your *Colony* laid Desolate, your Names, instead of Honour and Renown, shall be branded with Infamy, Hissing and Scorn, and your Blessings turn'd unto Curses, and the Lord shall Pluck you up, and not Plant you, *And shall separate you unto Evil*, after he had said, he would do you Good, 2 Chron. 15. 2.

But, *Beloved Bretheren*, We are perswaded better things of You, and things that accompany Salvation, tho for your Warning, we thus Write, Deut. 21.

And that the Lord will Preserve you Steadfast in Holiness and Truth, and will Plant you in that Place destinate for you, and make you a Name of Joy, and Renown among the Nations.

Now, to Conclude, We Recommend these few Words of Exhortation, proceeding from a most Tender, and Affectionat Concern, for your Good, to your most Serious Consideration, and to the Blessing of God, To Him we Recommend all of you, and to the Word of His Grace, which is able to Build you up, and to give you an Inheritance among them that are Sanctified, thro' Faith that is in Christ: *To whom be Glory, For Ever and Ever* Amen.

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